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### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #64**

#### **Summer Announcement #59, Coastal District and District 1 Subsistence Fishing Schedules and District 1 Commercial Fishing Period #26**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 113,000 Chinook salmon through July 13 is well below the historical average of 141,000 for this date. Conversely, the Pilot Station sonar summer chum salmon passage estimate is approximately 2.6 million fish which is well above the median of 1.7 million for this date.

The 2013 Chinook and summer chum salmon runs are coming to an end in the lower river. In preparation for the transition to fall season management, subsistence fishing restrictions and schedules are being relaxed in the Coastal District and District 1. Furthermore, this announcement opens one 9-hour commercial salmon fishing period in District 1.

**District 1 Commercial Gillnet Salmon Fishing:** Commercial salmon fishing in District 1 will be open for one 9-hour period from 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 15, until 12:00 midnight Monday, July 15, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon.

Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or retain them for subsistence purposes. The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited and Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.

**District 1 Subsistence Salmon Fishing:** District 1 is currently closed to subsistence salmon

fishing. Effective 12:00 midnight Monday, July 15, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen immediately following the announced commercial period.

Thereafter, subsistence salmon fishing will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial salmon fishing period and fishermen may use gillnets with mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

**Coastal District:** Subsistence salmon fishing in the Coastal District is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day and fishermen may use gillnets with mesh size of 7.5 inches or less.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

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